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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: **VROTACOE et al.**
Serial No.: 10/617,639
Filed: 07/11/2003
For: **PRINTING BLANKET WITH CONVEX
CARRIER LAYER**
Examiner: EVANISKO Art Unit: 2854

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 15, 2004

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith some or all may not qualify as prior art under the U.S. patent laws. Also respectfully submitted herewith is a copy of the International Search Report for related PCT/EP2004/007312.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (c)(2).

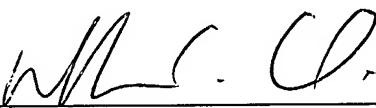
Herewith respectfully submitted is a check in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (p).

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
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Transmitted herewith is an **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement w/ PTO 1449 Form, Cited References, Copy of International Search Report** in the above-identified application.

Also transmitted herewith are:
 Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
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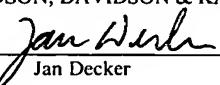
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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as attached therein and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" on December 15, 2004.
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